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60,000 LONGSHOREMEN WIN INCREASE

All Coast Ship Lines in U. S. A. Sign Agreements

New York.—Forty thousand longshoremen, stevedores, and coopers employed in ports from Portland, Maine, to Hampton Roads, Virginia, received a wage increase, retroactive to October 1, when an agreement was signed recently between the New York Shipping Association and the International Longshoremen's Association, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The new pact provides for a 10-cent hourly boost for straight time and 25 cents more an hour for overtime, making the scale now 95 cents and $1.35, respectively.

All American and foreign deep-water ship companies operating from north Atlantic ports are included in the agreement.

The companies are now negotiating with representatives of the International Seamen's Union. The latter is seeking a basic wage of $75 a month, an 8-hour day and improved working conditions.

San Francisco.—Pacific Coast longshoremen won a sweeping victory here when the National Longshoremen's Board, appointed by President Roosevelt during the bitter strike last summer, handed down its award.

The union was granted the six-hour day and five-day week, an increase—retroactive to July 31, 1934—of 10 cents an hour for straight time and 15 cents for overtime, the establishment of labor relations committees, and joint control of the "hiring halls".

May End "Blacklist"

The latter was one of the most bitterly-contested issues in the strike. The "hiring halls" are offices from which the men are sent to jobs as ships are to be unloaded or loaded. The nature of the work is such that men are hired only when there is a cargo to be handled and dismissed as soon as that particularly work is finished.

This constant labor turnover enabled the bosses, when they had sole charge of the "hiring halls," to maintain an effective blacklist. The board's award does away with that. Not only are the "hiring halls" to be under joint management of the employers and the union, but the board specifically ruled that the dispatcher—the person who will send men to the jobs—must be chosen by the union.

Bosses Agree to Terms

The wage increase brings the scale to 95 cents an hour for straight time and $1.40 an hour for overtime.

The employers, all the way from the southern tip of California to the northern extreme of Washington, agreed to accept the board's award.

The board is composed of Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. McGrady and O. K. Cushing, a San Francisco attorney. The award was unanimous, except as to wages. Cushing held the rates were too high.

Strike Fiercely Contested

The longshoremen's strike began in May and lasted until July 19, when, after a general strike in San Francisco, it was settled by referring all the issues to the national board.

Troops were called out at San Francisco and pitched battles were frequently fought at all ports when police and strike-breaking guards tried to smash picket lines. Ten men were killed and scores wounded.

United States Senator Robert F. Wagner, who, in his official capacity as chairman of the old National Labor Board, was investigating the controversy, was fired upon by an employer's gunman at Portland, Oregon, and narrowly escaped being killed.

ROOSEVELT ORDERS SCHOOLS KEPT OPEN

President Roosevelt recently instructed Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes and Federal Relief Administrator Harry L. Hopkins to keep financially distressed schools open in a number of states until Congress and legislatures meet.

RAILWAY CLERKS OF C. N. R. HOLD CONVENTION

The International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees concluded a very successful convention of representatives of all their lodges established on the Canadian National Railways. Those comprising the convention were formerly member of, and represented by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, so that this is the first convention of this class of employee on the C. N. R. under the auspices of the International Brotherhood.

PORT ARTHUR FREIGHT HANDLERS APPLY FOR BOARD

Freight handlers of Fort William and Port Arthur, members of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, who were recently organized by J. Ratcliffe, of Winnipeg, the international representative, have applied for a board of conciliation under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act in regard to their dispute with the Western Stevedore Company at Fort William, where 386 members comprise one new local, and the Canadian National Railways at Port Arthur, where 285 members comprise another local. Mr. Marcus Hyman, M.L.A., of Winnipeg, has been appointed as the board representative of the employees.

WORKERS STRIKS BACK AT HOSTILE MERCHANTS

Gaffney, S. C.—Local merchants who formed the Gaffney Merchants' Association and lined up on the side of mill bosses against textile strikers will not be patronized by organized labor.

The names of stores that have turned their backs upon their best customers are being made known by handbills and otherwise, and workers are being urged to "stand by those who stand by us."

RIDDELL SCOUTS FEAR OF EUROPEAN CONFLICT

Ottawa, Can.—If Europe is verging on war, the fact has been concealed from Dr. W. A. Riddell, Canada's permanent representative on the League of Nations at Geneva, who is spending a vacation in the home land.

"From my contacts, I am of the belief that Europe is not ready for conflict," declares Dr. Riddell.

He said that admission of the United States to the International Labor Organization, and of Soviet Russia to the League of Nations and the I. L. O. lessened the possibility of strife.

CAR MEN STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA

Street car workers in Melbourne, Australia, are reported to have come out on strike October 17, when owners refused to grant an increase in wages and other improvements asked. The entire trolley system of the city was tied up.

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NEXT ISSUE WILL BE UNION LABEL EDITION

Forty-five years ago next month the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council was organized and has been actively in operation ever since. In connection with this event, which organized labor intends to celebrate, there will be a special edition of The Labor Statesman, which will take the form of a display of Union Labels, Shop Cards and Working Buttons of the unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and the American Federation of Labor.

December will be known as "Union Label Month" and during that month extra efforts will be made to have every member of organized labor boost the patronage of firms employing union labor or selling union-made merchandise.

Display advertising is being solicited from the various unions and also from firms who employ union labor as well as from firms whose employees are not able to be unionized because no union covering their trade has yet been organized in the city.

Firms who desire to be represented in this edition will be called upon if they will phone Seymour 6279 or Seymour 7495 and request a solicitor to call upon them.

Items of interest to members of organized labor will be published from various unions as well as news of general interest covering the entire trades union movement.

Watch for the December edition of The Labor Statesman and if you desire any extra copies for the use of your membership please place your order for them at an early date.

"SUN" CARRIERS HAVE TOO MANY JOBS

The Trades Council's attention has been drawn to the conditions under which "Sun" carriers have to retain their jobs. It was pointed out that the boys are almost brow-beaten in the matter of soliciting subscriptions and have to spend a lot of time canvassing for subs when they should be playing or at home. The boys point out that the "Sun" could very easily give employment to 30 or 40 men for the soliciting of subscriptions and that the boys should not have to do that job in order to have a carrier route by which they can obtain a little pocket money. The matter is being taken up with the "Sun" by the Trades Council.

Carpenters Strive For Five-day Week

Reporting for the Carpenters' Union, Delegate Russell informed the Trades Council that while the five-day week for carpenters was now general in the United States that only two cities in Canada—Vancouver being one—operated on that basis. In some of the Eastern cities the nine and even the ten-hour day was still in operation. In the United States 39 locals had established the 7-hour day and 28 locals the 6-hour day. No six or 7-hour days have been established in Canada by any carpenters' union.

No Wage Cut for Union Tailors Here

Delegate McDonald of the Tailors' Union reported that despite the depression the union had been able to prevent any wage cuts in the custom tailor shops in Vancouver. Bushelmen (tailors in readyto-wear shops) had received a cut, but the union was now negotiating for a 10 per cent increase. Efforts were recently made by a dual union (Workers' Unity League) to draw the membership away from the international union, but they had failed.

LOW WAGES SHORTEN LIVES OF WORKMEN

A short life and a hard one is the prospect ahead of unskilled workers. A ditch digger has only half as good a chance of living to a ripe old age as the president of the company hiring him.

This startling information was revealed recently by the Public Health Service, which has completed a survey showing that unskilled laborers die off twice as fast as business and professional men.

It hastens to add, however, that it is not the work that kills, but the low wages paid for it. Diet, housing, lack of medical attention are declared to be responsible for the higher death rate among men in low-income classes.

Musicians' Union Urges City Council Action

At a very large meeting held by the Musicians' Union recently a resolution was passed urging the City Council to obtain greater control over licensing the many rackets that come to this city, that not only exploit the citizens, but also leave huge wage bills unpaid. In one instance, the union reports $237.00 still owing to musicians who were engaged by one of these rackets. The union suggests that the License Inspector should insist on a bond being put up which would be sufficient to cover the wages of those whom the enterprise employs. It was also suggested that the names and addresses of all employees should be listed with the Inspector as well as the wages being paid so that they could be checked and made to conform with the provincial laws.

Two Unions Sign Up Walburn Sign Co.

The Sign and Pictorial Painters' Union and the Sheet Metal Workers' Union reported at the last regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council that the Walburn Neon Sign Company had signed up agreements with both unions. The Electrical Workers' Union has no agreement yet with the company.

Local Unions Assist Portland Longshoremen

Quick response was given to the appeal made by the Trades Council on behalf of the defence fund for the 28 victimized Portland longshoremen. Unions reporting donations at the last meeting of the Trades Council were Musicians, Street Railwaymen, Printing Pressmen, Electrical Workers, Tailors, and Railway Sheet Metal Workers. The other unions had not met since the appeal went out a few days before.

C. N. Railmen Name Pension Board Officers

Montreal.—Robert J. Tallon, president, Division No. 4, Railway Employees' Department, A. F. of L.; Bert M. Daly, general chairman, Order of Railway Conductors, Canadian National western lines, and William G. Graham, general chairman, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Canadian National central region, have been elected as the three representatives of the employees on the new pension board of the Canadian National Railways.

This new contributory pension plan was approved by the General Chairmen's Association some time ago and comes into operation on January 1, 1935. It is to be administered by a board of seven, four appointed by the management and three by the General Chairmen's Association.

Teacher "Scabbed" So Is Deprived of School

Gillespie, Ill.—David Tallman, a school teacher, worked as a strikebreaker at the Laclede Steel Company, in Alton, during the summer—and lived to regret it.

When he resumed his classes recently at the beginning of the school term, the students walked out in a body.

The issue was submitted to a special election of the Gillespie High School district and the children were sustained by their parents, the vote being 1660 to 1015 against retaining the strikebreaker.

CANADA CONTINUES TO BE THE U. S. BEST CUSTOMER

In spite of heavy tariffs against American products, Canada is still Uncle Sam's best customer.

Official figures covering foreign trade from April to August disclose that the Dominion bought more goods from its southern neighbor than from any other country. Imports reached the impressive total of $126,760,000, or $38,723,000 more than in the corresponding period of last year. Imports from empire countries were $67,058,000, or $13,400,000 more than last year.

Exports to the United States were $80,510,000, a gain of $8,348,000.

BARBERS REPORT GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP

Delegate Herrett of the Barbers' Union informed the Trades Council that after an uphill fight during the past two years it had increased its membership and also the number of union shops. Street Railwaymen were thanked for helping to line up a shop recently on Main Street. A few more activities like this would soon clean up the rest of the non-union shops.

A.F.L. Endorses Organization of Mass Unions

San Francisco.—With a militant, progressive course charted for the coming year, and with a record of two weeks of history-making decisions just behind it, the American Federation of Labor closed its fifty-fourth annual convention here.

When President William Green dropped the closing gavel there was general agreement among the delegates that no other convention in the Federation's history had dealt with so many vital issues or had made such fundamental and far-reaching structural changes in the organization.

Leaders Enthusiastic

"This has been a real convention," said Green. "It transacted more real business and stepped farther forward than any previous gathering. I firmly believe it is destined to become historic."

Frank Morrison, who has been the Federation's secretary since 1897, enthusiastically declared he had never seen "anything like it".

It is the almost universal conviction of the delegates that the most-far-reaching step taken by the convention was when it unanimously voted to organize industrial unions in the automobile, aluminum, cement and other mass-production industries.

Decision Unanimous

Fourteen resolutions dealing with industrial unions were submitted in the opening days of the convention and a hot contest was expected. It never developed. The subject was thoroughly discussed before the resolutions committee and on the convention floor. And then, the committee's report—a unanimous one—directing the formation of industrial unions, was adopted without a dissenting vote.

"Upon which," says the convention's official minutes for that session, "the delegates arose and applauded in an enthusiastic manner."

President Green characterized the convention's decision as "perfectly wonderful and momentous," and "a very progressive step for meeting the situation in the mass production industries."

Move Forward at Once

It laid down a definite policy which will result in bringing "thousands and thousands" of workers into the labor union movement," he declared.

Green said local unions are already organized in the automobile, rubber, and aluminum industries and can now be "consolidated into general industrial unions."

The executive council was also directed to begin "at the earliest practical date", a campaign for unionization of the iron and steel industry.

Seven New Vice-Presidents

Another important change in the Federation's structure was made when the delegates enlarged the executive council to 18 members. Heretofore it has never exceeded 11—eight vice-presidents, the president, the secretary and the treasurer. The convention added seven more vice-presidents.

The constitution had to be amended to do that. The vote was 22,426 to 2206. Only a two-thirds majority was needed.

The new vice-presidents, all elected by acclamation are:

Daniel J. Tobin, Teamsters; William I. Hutcheson, Carpenters; George L. Berry, Pressmen; John L. Lewis, Miners; David Dublinsky, Ladies' Garment Workers; Harry C. Bates, Bricklayers, and Edward J. Gainor, Letter Carriers.

Chieftains Re-elected

All of the old officers were returned without opposition to their respective positions. They are:

President, William Green, Mine Workers; Secretary, Frank Morrison, Typographical; Treasurer, Martin Francis Ryan, Railway Carmen; Vice-Presidents, Frank Duffy, Carpenters; T. A. Rickert, Garment Workers; Matthew Woll, Photo Engravers; John Coefield, Plumbers; A. O. Wharton, Machinists; Joseph N. Weber, Musicians; G. M. Bugniazet, Electrical Workers, and George M. Harrison, Railway Clerks.

Clergy Hits Profit System

The iniquities of our present industrial system, operated solely for maximum profits, with its idle rich on the one hand and destitute millions of jobless and their dependents on the other, is receiving not only emphatic condemnation from the organized labor movement but also from prominent churchmen.

Declaring that the profit motive controlling those who own and control our industrial system will mean greater concentration of wealth, the Very Rev. John W. Day, dean of Grace Cathedral, of Topeka, Kansas, in an address to 1000 young men and women attending a mass meeting of the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Atlantic City, declared that the profit motive animating those who own and control our industrial system will mean great concentration of wealth with all the evils inherently connected with such an iniquity. As a substitute for what he called "capitalism," Dr. Day advocated a new economic system, "based upon use instead of profit." He also urged public ownership of all public utilities including railroads. He added that war is inevitable until we have a socialized economic system.

The present economic system was also scored by the recent General Conference of the Evangelical Church, at Akron, Ohio. The conference adopted the report of its committee on the family, public morals, temperance and the Sabbath, which included the following statement:

"Any system which leads to the concentration of wealth into the hands of the few, while the great masses have less and less, makes for national ruin. Any system with the profit motive as its sole impetus is far from the Christian ideal. The present structure stands condemned and must be rebuilt. Only through an adequate process of experimentation can these needed changes be effected."

In addition to the condemnation of the churches, this atrocious system of maximum profits was under fire by the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor at San Francisco. Confronted with the plight of the army of 10,000,000 unemployed, thrown out of the factories by the Shylocks who own them the convention, without a dissenting vote, declared that "when private business is not able to resume its normal functions, then society is forced to take over the means of production" and put the "unemployed back to work producing wealth."

Scored on every hand for operating industry solely for the maximum profit which can be wrung from the people, regardless of the social consequences, the reactionary industrial bourbons refuse to read the handwriting on the wall and reorganize industry on the basis of social service. Perhaps the rugged individualists of American industry are not far from what may be their economic Armageddon.

MINE WORKERS SHARE IN NEW DEAL PROGRAM

Pottsville, Pa.—Jobs for 36,000 idle anthracite coal diggers have been assured by the 5,000,000-ton coal purchasing program of the Federal government, it was stated here by James A. Gorman, umpire of the Anthracite Conciliation Board.

Workers will receive minimum weekly wages of $13.86 for three days' work. The coal will be distributed to the needy.

The plan, Gorman said, is an "application of the New Deal to a too-long forgotten army of unemployed mine workers."

NEW TEXTILE WORK PLAN

Joseph Ott, managing director of the Royal Weaving Company, Pawtucket, R. I., is reported to have proposed to President Roosevelt a plan to reduce employment in the textile industry. He advocates abolishment of all overtime work and the two and three-shift system. He proposed that the industry agree that only four looms be assigned to each worker, and asked a standard 40-hour week. With this plan, he said: "In thirty days we will be short of textile workers."

Even the Florida mosquitos have joined a nudist colony.

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THE POLITICAL UPROAR

"Harry" Stevens was always a sort of firebrand in the Conservative party although not in a radical sense, but his activities always tended to put the Conservative party into the favorable books of a lot of workers who wanted to vote Conservative in order to be in the same boat as their bosses. They had an idea that the bosses would be able to keep the ship of state and also business in a prosperous channel, and the channel would lead to plenty of work if not plenty of wages. When "Harry" was defeated in the general election he must have felt that his old friends—the plutocrats—had forsaken him and it angered him somewhat, so much so that when he heard the stories of exploitation in the Price Spreads Investigation he began to admit that his old financial supporters were really a lot of scoundrels.

The stories that were told at this investigation were similar to those that have been told by organized labor for the past half century, but it is only once, now and then, that a politician has admitted that these conditions exist and earnestly desires to change them. "Harry" Stevens appears to be one of the few who is prepared to risk his political career in the fight for justice. Premier Bennett may have scuttled the Conservative ship by his autocratic mood, but the Liberal party with a leadership like Mackenzie King does not appear to be very much of a menace to the returning of that party, so we have a real political muddle, when we realize that the C. C. F. will also have the Communist party in the field to split the radical vote.

With all this political muddle it seems to be coming clearer that the industrial field is going to be the most important for the workers to build up if they would remedy the conditions which "Harry" Stevens has exposed as well as the many other evils confronting civilization today. Over in the United States the organized labor movement is in fine fettle and is slowly but surely directing the legislative activities of governments. In Great Britain the Trades Union movement, through its political arm, appears to be directing the political victories that have been won and the campaign now in progress for the next general election, which looks like a labor victory. Many Liberals and Conservatives of outstanding ability have been added to the political wing of the Labor movement in Great Britain, and many Republicans and Democrats have thrown themselves solidly behind the needs of the organized labor movement in the United States, and no matter what some of the ultra-radical say about old party politicians, there will soon be a time when the McGeers and the Stevens will be welcomed into the ranks of a labor movement that insists that the damnable conditions under which human beings now have to work and the continued dread of unemployment, uncertainty in old age and ill health, and all the other evils brought about by poverty in the midst of plenty, must and shall be changed so that every human being, no matter what his station in life may be, shall be secured against the many evils that inflict society today.

BREAKING THE BACK OF THE DEPRESSION

Every month reports coming from reliable labor sources in the United States indicate that the back of the depression is being broken by the steadily increasing purchasing power which has been brought about by increased wages and shorter working weeks. There are still many people who refuse to believe this because the army of unemployed is so great, but when the Organized Labor movement which last year reported that there were from fifteen to seventeen million unemployed now report that the number has dropped to around the ten million mark, we can rightfully assume that increased purchasing power is bringing that number down.

Organized labor has slowly but surely turned the tide of public opinion to higher wages and shorter hours of labor, and State and Federal authorities are putting these views into operation just as fast as the big financial and industrial interests will permit them. Plans for huge housing and public works schemes involving some five billions of dollars are now being made by Federal authorities who seemingly intend to make 1935 one of the most active building years the United States has ever witnessed. It appears, however that besides a "work and wages" scheme the government is adopting the wage scales and 30-hour week proposed by organized labor. It has been a hard fight by organized labor and the fight is by no means over, but to have the government finally admit that organized labor's plan for increasing purchasing power and breaking the depression appears to be the most effective, gives encouragement to us on this side of the line. And this struggle has not been without its material benefits, for we find that the membership has increased by nearly three million in the past year and that the rush into the movement at the present time is taxing the efforts of all the organizers in every international union. Company unions are being swept into bona fide unions and the masses of unorganized are registering desires to become organized to retain and increase the advantages already gained.

There is now increasing evidence that Canada is feeling the effects of that change across the line, and The Labor Statesman expects to see a burst of trade in December which will not only give encouragement to the Organized Labor movement here but will enable the business element to respond to our suggestion of increasing wages and reducing the working day and week of their employees.

"UNITY" TELLS TRUTH ABOUT COMIC STRIKES

From time to time some members of international unions are inclined to eulogize the Workers' Unity League and its affiliated unions, because the propaganda put forth by this organization has tended to convey the idea that Communists are the only people who can successfully handle a strike or wage negotiations. Oftimes when a W.U.L. strike has been lost nobody seems to want to admit that it has been lost and propaganda is spread abroad giving an impression that the strike was successful.

It appears, however, that so many strikes have been lost recently that the Workers' Unity League is being compelled to admit these facts. The following, culled from an editorial in the October edition of "Unity," official organ of the Workers' Unity League, points this out among many other things in which the officials and rank and file are chastised for not conducting strikes the way the Executive Board thinks they should be conducted, but the only suggestion made is to the effect that more workers must be organized before a strike is started. That sounds like kindergarten stuff but it only goes to prove that the W.U.L. has just as much to learn as the international trades union movement has learned during its years of struggle, and certainly has no cut and dried plan by which it can organize the workers or conduct a strike or wage settlement. The article in "Unity" only covers a few of the recent strikes that have been lost, but it is sufficient to prove our contention that the Workers' Unity League is not as efficient as they would have us believe.

"Fellow workers, we have to candidly face the fact that far too many of our recent strike struggles have ended in only partial successes where the workers won very little or were defeated. We can number the Noranda, Flin Flon, Belding Corticelli, Winnipeg cloakmakers' strike, the Schinaffer fur-dressers' strike, the Montreal dressmakers' strike, the Reliable Toy Workers' strike, the Marshall furniture workers' strike among recent strikes where the W.U.L. unions failed to win the demands presented."

The Comics are having a lot of trouble with one of their active members, whom some of the alleged leaders in British Columbia tried to frame. H. A. Bryan, better known as "Paddy" Bryan, appears, however, to be a match for them and is already proving to be a thorn in the side of those who have already led the Communist sheep up so many blind alleys. "Paddy" is not the first worker by any means who has been expelled from the Communist party because they would not carry out the inane and unscrupulous orders of the Toronto, New York and Moscow leaders. "Paddy" seems to have been wasting his time in the ranks of the Communist party, but on the other hand if the split which he has created in British Columbia grows it will have turned a lot of blind followers away from an organization which is not only detrimental to the workers' industrial movement but to the political movement as well.

Vienna Workers Still In Strong Opposition

Vienna (FP).—Austrian workers are as radical as ever. They show this in two ways; by underground political activity and by open passive resistance to the schemes and programmes of the Fascist government.

Only the more aggressive workers are engaged in active political work. But the rest, the quiet peaceful people who are afraid to risk imprisonment by underground activities, For example, they stubbornly refuse to enter the new government-controlled "unity trade unions" which have replaced the old real trade unions.

The only people who join the "unity trade unions" are the unemployed, who are entitled to get benefits in cash. The other workers join only when immediate pressure is put on them by the government, and even then they often leave after a few weeks.

In the old days trade union leaders became worried when two in nine of their union members were unemployed because of the financial strain this involved upon the union.

The last detailed figures given by the new "unity trade union" federation are of the beginning and end of June. On June 1 there were 100,000 members (as compared to about 600,000 in the old regular trade unions, and about 60,000 in various anti-Socialist, Fascist and company trade unions which were all merged in the new federation). Of these 100,000, no less than 30,000 were unemployed, and 70,000 employed. On June 30 the union membership had risen to 130,000; of these 70,000 were unemployed and the number employed was under 60,000. At present the estimated number is 180,000. But 100,000 of them are unemployed men who draw benefits in cash, and will leave the day they find employment.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL BALL OF FIREMEN TO BE BIG EVENT

The Firemen's Benefit Association will hold its Thirty-sixth Annual Ball and Supper at Hotel Vancouver, November 7th. There will be dancing from 9 to 2 a.m. The response in buying tickets was very good, and the association is thankful for the general public's co-operation.

The Chatter Box.

It Was Only a Dream

I am Prime Minister Pattullo; my heart is heavy; I am miserable and depressed. You see, it was this way: My one ambition in life was to be Prime Minister, from the time I came to the bar.

Those were happy days I spent in the old J. Oliver cabinet. The old gentleman fancied me and gave me every opportunity. I always played the game and did what I thought was right.

I remember the first mistake I made. That was the night I stated I was in favor of work and wages at a meeting held in the Arena, two months previous to the 1933 Provincial Election. Dash it all! Why did I say that? How they cheered me; the fools! I was in good form that night. I closed my speech in a fiery style, stating, "When the race is over the Liberal horse will be leading twenty lengths to the wire."

My party and I were elected with a majority of 20 seats to spare.

The next bad move I made I appointed young Gordon Sloan to my cabinet. I could see no harm in that. A smart young fellow, who, I was sure, would make an able Attorney-General, and besides, Papa Farris liked him, too. Now Gerry McGeer seemed to think he should have the appointment and incidentally caused me a little embarrassment. But, you see, Gerry is too cocky and would give me no end of trouble.

Oh, if I had only not promised "work and wages" it would not have been so bad. I could have whipped that gas-bag, Doctor Telford, and his party with their political pipe-dreams without any trouble.

Now I am criticized everywhere. The Reds slander me; that "Commonwealth" rag never ceases to ridicule me; The Province with its cruel satire, and, last of all, my only ally, The Sun, has turned "Brutus".

I am besieged by job hunters, employers, who claim they cannot pay a minimum wage scale of 25 cents an hour, claiming it will ruin them; organized labor with their tales of woe; good citizens who are going to lose their homes, and delegation after delegation who want this and that.

We need $200,000 for school grants by the end of December or the schools will have to close. The Government treasury is "broke"; my head aches; I am in ill-health—besides I am not very well off myself! Oh, Oh, Oh, I can't resign from politics; it is my life's work. Oh, what can I do?

Then I woke up feverish and covered with perspiration. Thank God, I am not Prime Minister Pattullo! I was only dreaming! I am just an ordinary citizen. Never again will I eat cheese going to bed.

LABOR WINS

Labor has won the by-election of North Lambeth with a large majority in a four-cornered fight in a strong Liberal seat.

G. B. Strauss was the bearer of Labor's standard and he polled 11,281 votes against the Liberal candidate, who polled 2,927 votes; which shows that the Liberal party is almost out of existence in Great Britain.

Here's News!

San Francisco, Cal.—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins was wearing a new style hat whe nshe left here after addressing the A. F. of L. convention. That is news—when Miss Perkins discards the famous tricorn-type of hat that she has worn for years, a style which she always insisted was the only kind becoming to her.

Delegates from the Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers' International Union presented her with the new chapeau.

The new hat is entirely different from the kind Miss Perkins has always worn. It is a chic black felt with a brim, one side turned up, the other down, has a silver buckle and two bows, and so a woman delegate told "Labor's" representative, is the "very latest thing in millinery."

Miss Perkins said she would "always be indebted to the union" for convincing her that she can wear a hat of a different type.

"I will wear this one as an example of the work of a great and growing labor organization," she told Nathaniel Spector, vice-president of the union.

A Lesson in Land Values from New York

Single taxers especially will find a text to their liking in an announcement made by Monsignor Michael J. Lavelle, recently, during the celebration of the anniversary of the consecration of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, one of the most impressive structures on New York City's Fifth Avenue.

The cathedral and the archi-episcopal residence occupy a small square. Monsignor Lavelle said the land was purchased in 1810 for $1600 and "that was all it was worth" at that time, because "the city was far away."

The city has grown and now the value of the land is estimated at $9,500,000, exclusive of the buildings. No more impressive example of what the followers of Henry George refer to as "unearned increment" has been brought to light recently.

FRENCH PEOPLE FACING THEIR HARDEST WINTER

Paris.—Grave rumblings of discontent are heard throughout France as the nation approaches its worst winter since the war.

Economic, political and social problems have piled up until government officials are apprehensive of what may result.

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ANOTHER COMPANY UNION BITES THE DUST

Chicago.—Signing of an agreement between the Georgia and Florida and the Standard Railroad Labor Shopcraft Organizations was one of the many encouraging reports received at headquarters here of the A. F. of L. Railway Employees' Department.

The G. and F. shopmen recently organized in the Standard Unions and ousted the "company union" on that railroad.

Reports from all over the country show that the Standard Unions have not slackened in the forward movement which began about a year ago.

You can't fool an Irish policeman. The wind blew the prisoner's hat across the street on their way to the patrol box. The prisoner asked the policeman could he run after it, but the cop replied: "And not come back? No, you stay here and I'll run after the hat."

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F. D. To Feature Low Cost Housing Program for Relief

The administration's unemployment relief program during the coming year will include slum clearance and subsistence homestead projects.

That much has been indicated by President Roosevelt, who declared his intention to expand those two experimental phases of the New Deal—bitterly attacked as too visionary and expensive by reactionary critics.

The President's statement was lacking in detail, although he said that he would ask Congress for a "large appropriation" for low-cost home construction, which he indicated would be made a part of the Public Works Administration.

The President declared he favors slum clearance because it serves the double purpose of providing employment and improving living conditions "for those who most need it".

An Enlightened Editorial

The following from the editorial columns of the Dayton, Ohio, "Daily News," owned by former Governor James M. Cox, is an extremely impressive answer to those who insist that American industry "cannot stand" the shorter work period:

"Is the 30-hour week, or any other rigid working schedule, the solution of the problem of unemployment?

"Imagine the United States one big farm and family, where 90 per cent of everything needed was produced. How many hours a week would the family work?

"It would work till it had produced everything it more keenly wanted than it wanted leisure and rest. When the family was well fed and clothed and housed, it might prefer to slow down, go fishing. Or it might decide that rather than reduce its labor, it would make more automobiles, radios, symphony orchestras, pictures, theatres, schools and roads for itself.

"There is no doubt that with everybody working 30 hours a week enough of the necessities would be produced to keep everybody in comfort."

Unemployment Still Keeps Legislators Busy Dodging

Unemployment is still Canada's most troublesome problem, and reports filtering into Ottawa indicate that it may become more acute as winter settles down over the Dominion.

Government officials were disturbed recently by a blunt statement by Mayor Camillien Houde of Montreal that unless something is done in the very near future to relieve the "dolorous lot" of the jobless very serious trouble may be expected.

The mayor added that if trouble comes neither he "nor anyone else" could keep it under control.

Staggering Burden

He pointed out that in Canada's largest city alone there are now 38,000 families and 25,000 single men, or approximately 250,000 persons, on relief rolls. The significance of those impressive figures is not overlooked by thoughtful citizens.

Meanwhile, the Dominion government has reached agreements with certain of the provinces on the amount it will pay for relief purposes for the next few months.

Instead of assuming one-third of the cost of caring for the needy and a third of direct labor costs on relief work, the Dominion has decided to grant fixed sums. Grants already agreed upon are: Nova Scotia, $40,000; New Brunswick, $25,000; Prince Edward Island, $1250; Manitoba, $135,000; Saskatchewan, $200,000; Alberta, $100,000; British Columbia, $200,000.

Labor Condemns Plan

Organized labor is far from being assured over the outlook. It has condemned the Federal government's new system of sharing the relief burden, contending that the old method should be continued and predicting that failure to follow its suggestion will simply add to general discontent.

Mass Production Industries Seek To Avoid Organization

(By A. F. of L. News Service)

Washington.—It is reported here on what is believed to be reliable authority that conferences have already been held and others will be held, by leaders in both the automobile and steel industries, in an effort to find a possible means of effecting a compromise between the "representation plan," or company unions, of organizing employees and the proposed complete organization of employees in these industries, among others, by the American Federation of Labor.

Announcement of the American Federation of Labor that industrial unions would be organized in the automobile, cement and aluminum industries and that an intensive organization drive would start immediately in the steel industry, has apparently sent leaders of these industries scurrying in an effort to head off organization of their employees into bona fide labor unions.

While conferences on the subject have been held, there has been no official announcement concerning the matter.

In the meantime, the American Federation of Labor organization drive is already actually under way, with the announced determination that it shall be successful.

California Becomes Social Incubator

Southern California has become the world's greatest incubator of novel social and economic proposals.

Readers of this paper are familiar with Upton Sinclair's EPIC (End Poverty in California) Plan, which won for its author the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Some of the other suggestions go much farther. The best known, perhaps, is Dr. Townsend's plan for "Old Age Revolving Pensions."

It calls on the national government to pay all citizens over 60 a pension of $200 a month on the following conditions:

That they engage in no further labor, business or profession for gain.

That their past life is free from habitual criminality.

That they take oath to, and actually do, spend within the confines of the United States the entire amount of their pension within 30 days after receiving same.

The money is to be raised by a Federal sales tax.

Money For All

Then there is the "dated money plan" sponsored by the Utopian Society, of which Jonathan F. Glendon, a former actor, is president.

Under this scheme all work would be done by men and women between 25 and 45 years of age, and everyone, without regard to age, would be given all the money he could spend. But it would have to be expended for necessaries of life within a given period.

Visionary? To a certain extent, yes; but these "plans" are every bit as "sound" as the capitalistic "set up" which condemns millions of willing workers to the bread lines.

The organizations which are supporting the Townsend Plan and the Utopian Plan are mustering an army of adherents.

They can't be laughed off. They are symptomatic. They represent a widespread, deep-seated resentment against our present lop-sided economic system.

The decrease in marriages may be due largely to the increasing difficulty in supporting the municipal, provincial and Dominion governments and a wife on a present day income.

Lady: Can Mr. Robertson see me?

Office Boy: You bet! He'll always see a pretty girl. What name, please.

Lady: Mrs. Robertson.

NRA To Ease Curb On Production

(By A. F. of L. News Service)

Washington.—The National Recovery Administration has indicated, following discussion of the matter at numerous conferences of the new NRA Board, that restriction of industrial output will be dropped as an NRA policy.

While this is said to be an effort to increase employment, while easing regulation of industry, some have expressed the fear that the proposed increased production will likely be accomplished chiefly by machinery, now restricted, with relatively little actual benefit to wage earners.

Production control, while almost unanimously deprecated by administration advisers, has crept into many of the NRA codes. It has taken these three forms:

1. Machine-hour provisions, whereby manufacturers are bound not to work their equipment more than so many hours a week.
2. Restriction of the construction of new plant equipment.
3. Prohibition of sale below cost of production.

The board has not yet decided what to do about the production controls embodied in existing codes, but it was said that no further steps in this direction would be taken.

Only within the last few days has the board begun to consider policy procedure, necessarily deferred by the exigencies of routine detail with which the board had to familiarize itself.

The formation, as yet vague, of the policy against restriction of production is one of the first important conclusions reached.

Something New In Strike Planning

These are times when something new is placed before the public almost hourly. Toronto, not to be behind the times, produced something new in strikes early in August.

The employees of the Tilley-Williams shoe factory were on strike in New Toronto. This firm is equipped with machinery manufactured by the United Shoe Machinery Company, who do not sell their machines outright, but lease them to shoe manufacturers on a rental basis, it is claimed by employees of shoe factories.

It appears that the United Shoe Machinery Company sent mechanics to this striking plant to teach strike-breakers how to operate their machines and thus handicap the employees who are on strike. The union men got busy and called out every employee of all the Toronto shoe factories that used machines made by the United Shoe Machinery Company as a protest against the action of this company in helping to break the strike in the New Toronto plant.

The union men involved have no grievance against the Toronto firms, but they took this method to punish the United Shoe Manufacturing Company for their efforts to assist a New Toronto factory in fighting their striking employees. It is claimed by the union that they expect to receive the support of union shoe workers in every part of the United States and Canada, as this machinery company's machines are in general use all over this continent, and they have a possibility of getting all shoe workers in both countries to strike as a protest against the unfair tactics of this concern.

Even the sparrows exercise safety first. When this writer was about to drive off the first tee the other day a sparrow alighted on his ball.

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"KICK BACK" RACKET PROBE ORDERED BY U. S. SENATE

Washington.—The Senate unanimously adopted the resolution introduced by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts and Senator Davis of Pennsylvania authorizing the Senate Committee on Education and Labor to make a nation-wide investigation of the 'kick back" racket, which it is alleged contractors on Federal construction projects have imposed on employees.

The "kick back" racket is the practice of evading statutory or other wage regulations by forcing the worker to pay for his job, that is, to "kick back" part of his wages to the employers or other groups.

The resolution authorizes and directs the committee to "examine into the relationship existing between contractors" and their employees engaged in the construction of any public building or work in the United States, financed in whole or in part by loans or grants from the United States, or in the repair thereof.

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MILWAUKEE MOLDERS WIN RECOGNITION OF UNION

Milwaukee, Wis.—The persuasive influence of strong and militant labor organization in securing the rights of the workers was clearly shown here in the strike of the molders and foundry employees at the Crucible Steel Casting Company's plant. The strike, involving more than 200 members of the Molders' and Foundry Employees' unions, started after the company had refused to deal with representatives of these unions.

It tied up the plant and company officials signified their willingness to deal with the union representatives. After two conferences a settlement was reached and the strikers returned to work. The strike lasted one day.

DUAL MINERS' UNION IS NOT RECOGNIZED

(By A. F. of L. News Service)

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. — Announcement has been received here that the National Labor Relations Board has flatly refused to intervene on behalf of the so-called United Anthracite Miners of Pennsylvania, a dual organization, which has been seeking equal rights with the United Mine Workers of America.

A request by representatives of the mine union that the national board urge its recognition by Pennsylvania coal operators was rejected by Edwin S. Smith, a board member, who severely censured the organization for its failure to abide by rulings of J. A. Gorman, umpire of the Anthracite Conciliation Board.

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Vancouver Rose Company Exploitation

The Trades Council's attention has again been drawn to the Vancouver Rose Company who, it is alleged, are carrying on one of the worst forms of exploitation in the city. Men are being employed on a six and seven-day week basis, supplied with the poorest of food and provided with unsatisfactory bed accommodation and paid about two dollars a week for many hours of hard work. This firm is said to be continuously advertising in the papers for help and appears to be able to get it on the above basis, even though the workers do not stay very long at the job.

This condition has prevailed for years and the authorities do not appear to have any power to put a stop to it. No improvement has been made in the sleeping accommodation despite its condemnation by the City Health Department and no effective publicity appears to be forthcoming because of the advertising account.

Scribbins To Run For Parks Board

Walter J. Scribbins, well known trade unionist of Vancouver and a former city alderman, is a candidate for Parks Board in the forthcoming Civic Elections which will be held December 12th.

Walter is known for his fighting abilities in the cause of labor and will undoubtedly be a strong asset to the working class movement on that board. We don't need to urge you to vote for him for we know that you have already decided to do that, but we suggest that you use your best influence with your friends and neighbors on his behalf.

NRA VIOLATORS TO GET PUBLICITY

It is reported that the future policy of the NRA will be to give publicity to deliberate violations of the National Industrial Recovery Act. It has been the policy of the Compliance Division heretofore to keep confidential the handling of complaints of code violations and facts as to specific cases adjusted.

The NRA has approved an order creating a commission to study labor conditions in the cap and cloth hat industry, and to report on the East-West wage differential established by the industry's code.

SAN FRANCISCO CITY WORKERS MAY BEAT WAGE CUT

(By A. F. of L. News Service)

San Francisco, Calif.—The defeat of "Amendment No. 11" to the city charter, which would reduce and standardize salaries of city employees, after meeting with early favor in many quarters, is now believed to be doomed to defeat.

Leading business, professional, civic and labor organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Association, Labor Council, Building Trades Council, Central Council of Civic Clubs and Civic League of Improvement Clubs and associations are urging a "no" vote on the amendment.

THE LABOR TRUTH

The remnants of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor is getting out a publication in Vancouver which is called "The Labor Truth" but if one is to judge by the stories being told by representatives of that paper, they don't come within a million miles of the truth. One of the stories told to a reliable business man in this city was to the effect that all the Canadian National Railway employees were now in the All-Canadian Congress of Labor.

This businessman was in a position however to know that this story was also miles from the truth and promptly relayed it to the Trades and Labor Council.

Similar stories about their big membership reaches up day by day, but nobody seems to be able to locate any of the meetings held by these alleged big unions. Of course, business men are easy prey for many racketeers and so we suppose that if they will not take the proper methods for finding out with whom they are doing business that it's just too bad for them.

Our office boy says he doesn't have to apologize to Dan Webster for this one. A "mug" is just a cluck that doesn't click.

A wife who can hold her tongue has no difficulty holding her husband.

Ontario to Boss Relief If It Pays

Toronto, Ont.—The Ontario government will take the administration of relief in municipalities where it is paying the entire bill, Hon. David Croll, minister of public welfare, made known.

One effect of this policy, Mr. Croll said, is that the department will be in position to compel merchants supplying relief commodities to treat their own employees fairly. They will be required to obtain certificates showing they are observing the minimum wage law for women and paying what the department considers a reasonable wage to men, Mr. Croll declared.

SEAMEN MAKE PROGRESS IN WAGE NEGOTIATIONS

(By A. F. of L. News Service)

New York.—According to Victor Olander, secretary of the International Seamen's Union of America, progress is being made in conferences with members of the American Steamship Owners' Association, looking to adjustment of complaints and demands of the seamen. A strike voted sometime ago was called off by the union, when ship owners agreed through the National Labor Relations Board to recognize the International Seamen's Union of America and to negotiate differences.

The possibility of a strike of 40,000 longshoremen at Atlantic and Gulf ports also appears to have been averted, the ship owners being reported as accepting the revised demands of longshoremen concerning wages and working conditions.

PWA HOUSING EFFORT INCREASES EMPLOYMENT

(By A. F. of L. News Service)

Washington. — Employment has been increased in the building trades and substantial general progress made by the Public Works Administration, under the direction of Harold L. Ickes, in connection with the PWA national slum clearance and housing program, according to statistics announced here.

The F. W. Dodge Corporation reported that PWA caused 63 per cent of all types of construction contracts let last month in the United States. Without attempting interpretation of what might be the situation in the construction industry, without the PWA program, the Dodge report revealed that actual contracts let for construction of PWA projects had again shown an increase in the last month with resultant increased construction employment insured.

COAST STRIKES ARE DECLARED EFFECTIVE

(By A. F. of L. News Service)

San Francisco, Calif.—Organized labor along the Pacific Coast has found it necessary, against its wishes, to go on strike in order to force recalcitrant employers to meet reasonable demands, according to a series of announcements here.

More than 3200 union painters, decorators and paperhangers, voted to strike October 29, unless their demands are met prior to that date. Fifteen local unions are affected and they are backed fully by the Building Trades Council, according to T. C. Meagher, president.

Permanent peace in the upholsterers' strike was still pending, and stevedores who struck on piers 44 and 17 awaited a ruling from the Joint Labor Relations Board.

The longshoremen charge they are being paid 85c instead of 95c an hour in unloading freight cars.

BOSSES REBUKED IN NLRB

Four decisions, each ordering the re-employment of workers discharged because of their union activities, were rendered recently by the National Labor Relations Board against four employers in as many states scattered from Maine to South Dakota.

In all cases the board found the employers guilty of violating Section 7A of the Recovery Act and gave them until September 18 to reinstate the dismissed workers. Otherwise, the board said, the cases will be referred to NRA Compliance Board for "de-eagling" and to the Department of Justice for prosecution.

The firms involved are: The K. O. Lee & Son Company, implement and tool manufacturers of Aberdeen, S. Dakota; the Davidson Transfer and Storage ompany of Baltimore; the Kawneer Metal Products Manufacturing Company, Niles, Mich.; and the Venus Shoe Company, Auburn, Maine.

Says Soviet Experience Is Lesson for Trade Unionists

Theorists who have various "simple" solutions for the trade union problem, ranging from "one big union" to "vertical" unions to cover entire industries, should carefully study the recent reorganization of trade unions in Russia.

In Russia the set-up was ideal from the standpoint of many who would revise the American union structure overnight. There were 47 giant unions in that country, some of them having over a million members. These unions covered the whole vast Soviet area, far larger than America. They were vertical unions of whole industries, such as the union of iron and steel metallurgical workers.

Still nicer, from some folks viewpoint, these unions were official government organizations to which all workers had to pay dues. No union had to struggle for life. The money just rolled in and union treasuries were fat.

A perfect heaven of unionism, it would seem. But after years of experience with this system, the Russians were not satisfied. They have just changed it for the avowed purpose of "bringing the unions nearer to the masses."

In plain English language the unions were just too big, and too miscellaneous in their membership.

So in September, 1934, a country-wide congress of the Soviet trade unions introduced wide changes, all in the spirit of decentralization.

Now the 47 unions have been split into 154. Individual industries have been divided up and geographical units have been reduced in size.

For example, the Union of Transport Machine Construction Workers has been divided into two unions, and the Union of Iron and Steel Metallurgical Workers has been split into three geographical sections.

These reorganization do not change the fundamental nature of the Russian trade union system, but they do acknowledge the necessity of recognizing the worker's natural interests, of bringing his union closer to him.

The Russians have a name for this process—"razukruplenie." It means "strengthening by dividing." Their experience has shown that, while "in union there is strength," too much union decreases the strength that comes of natural solidarity.

All of which proves something which experienced union leaders have long known—there is no one simple solution for the union problem. Trade unions have to adapt themselves to conditions.

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